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SUBJECT: US CITIZEN EMPLOYMENT ON OIL EXPLORATION
VESSELS IN TAIWAN STRAIT

REFS: A) SINGAPORE 0896, B) STATE 049996

1. GROC HAS MADE NO RULING WHICH WOULD LEGALLY PREVENT
US CITIZEN PERSONNEL FROM EMPLOYMENT ON VESSELS ENGAGED
IN OIL EXPLORATION IN TAIWAN STRAIT.

2. EMBASSY HAS DISCOURAGED GULF AND OTHER US COMPANIES
ENGAGED IN OIL EXPLORATION OR EXPLOITATION FROM
EMPLOYING US CITIZENS. CASE OF TIDEX PTE. LTD.,
HOWEVER, IS SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT. ITS SPECIALIZED
VESSELS ARE CONTRACTED FOR BY DRILLING COMPANIES TO
FURNISH RIGS WITH NECESSARY SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT
E.G. CASING, DRILLING MUD, COMESTIBLES, ETC., FROM
SHORE-BASED INSTALLATIONS. IN THE EVENT TIDEX OR ANY
OTHER COMPANY ENGAGED SOLELY IN SUPPORTING DRILLING
OPERATIONS INQUIRIES ABOUT EMPLOYING US CITIZENS
ON ITS VESSELS, EMBASSY PROPOSES TO DISCOURAGE SUCH
EMPLOYMENT BY ASSUMING CURRENT POLICY AGAINST EMPLOY-
MENT ON RIGS INCLUDES EMPLOYMENT ON VESSELS
SERVICING THOSE RIGS. PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER EMBASSY'S
ASSUMPTION IS CORRECT BEFORE MATTER IS RAISED WITH
GULF.

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